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## Press Release

### **Takoma Park Councilmember & Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Williams awarded the 2004 Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award**

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**TAKOMA PARK, Md., December 8, 2004** -At the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), Takoma Park Councilmember & Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Williams received the 2004 Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award for his dedicated regional leadership.

Williams has been on the COG Board since 1997. This year, he played an active role in developing a new Strategic Plan for COG. He has served since 2002 as the Chair of the Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE) Advisory Board to ensure that the Institute's curriculum continues to meet high standards and produce well-trained certified public managers. With his guidance, IRE has instituted a sponsorship program that has already yielded new funding for this important program.

Currently Councilmember Williams serves as the Vice-Chair of the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council at COG. In 2002, as Board Chair, Williams was instrumental in developing the nation's first Regional Emergency Coordination Plan. Williams, as Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Chair, helped COG to develop a proactive policy to clean up the Bay. Williams also served as Chair for the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee and the Environment and Public Works Directors Committee. According to COG President Robert Dorsey, "When it comes to monitoring drinking water and implementing plans for cleaner air and recycling, Mr. Williams has been a tireless champion of these important regional initiatives."

In 1982, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments launched the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award to be granted annually to an elected official who has contributed most significantly to the enhancement of intergovernmental cooperation in the Washington metropolitan region.

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Williams commented, “I am gratified to have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated public officials and so many wonderful residents of the region. I’m truly honored to receive this award named in honor of such a public spirited couple. This recognition enhances my willingness to serve the residents of Takoma Park and to further their and the region’s interests.” Williams has been on the Takoma Park City Council since 1993.

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